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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A system for providing a distributed software application, comprising:

a server comprising a stored electronic main page, wherein the main page comprises ~~at least two browser components for displaying additional electronic pages a first browser component configured to display a first electronic page and a second browser component configured to display a second electronic page~~ within the main page;

a client computer comprising a browser program configured to establish a communication link with the server, download said first and second electronic pages, and display the stored electronic main page, wherein said first browser component is active and displays said first electronic page to a user, and said second browser component is inactive and does not display said second electronic page to the user; and

at least one software control on the main page for selecting one of the at least two browser components to display in the browser program between said first browser component and said second browser component, wherein selecting said first browser component results in said first electronic page being displayed to the user and selecting said second browser component results in said second electronic page being displayed to the user.

2. (original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the main page is written in the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

3. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the first and second browser components comprise the Microsoft HTML parsing and rendering engine.

4. (original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the browser program is the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser program.

5. (original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the software control is an Active X control.

6. (original) The system of Claim 5, wherein the Active X control is a command button control.

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7. (currently amended) The system of Claim 5, wherein the Active X control appears as a tab within the browser program, and wherein the electronic main page displays a first tab associated with the first browser component and a second tab associated with the second browser component.

8. (original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the software control is configured to store variable data to the client computer.

9. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the at least two first and second browser components are part of a single software control.

10. (currently amended) A method of processing information using a computer network, comprising:

downloading an electronic main page from a server computer to a client computer, wherein the main page comprises at least two browser components for displaying additional electronic pages a first browser component configured to display a first electronic page and a second browser component configured to display a second electronic page within the main page;

providing at least one software control on the electronic main page for selecting between said first and second browser components;

downloading said first electronic page and said second electronic page to said client computer; and

displaying the stored downloaded electronic main page, wherein a first one of the browser components said first browser component is active and displays a said first electronic page, and said second browser component is inactive and does not display said second electronic page, and wherein activation of the software control results in a said second one of the browser components becoming active and displaying a said second electronic page.

11. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the main page is written in the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

12. (currently amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the first and second browser components comprise the Microsoft HTML parsing and rendering engine.

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13. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the browser program is the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser program.

14. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the software control is an Active X control.

15. (original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the Active X control is a command button control.

16. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the Active X control appears as a tab within the browser program, and wherein the electronic main page displays a first tab associated with the first browser component and a second tab associated with the second browser component.

17. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the software control stores variable data to the client computer.

18. (previously presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the at least two first and second browser components are part of a single software control.

19. (new) An electronic main page configured to display a plurality of electronic web pages to a user, comprising:

 a first browser component configured to download and display a first electronic web page to the user;

 a second browser component configured to download and display a second electronic web page to the user;

 a first software control configured to activate said first browser component and display said first electronic web page, wherein said first software control deactivates said second browser component; and

 a second software control configured to activate said second browser component and display said second electronic web page, while deactivating said first browser component.

20 (new) The electronic main page of Claim 19, wherein said first software control and said second software control are tab controls.